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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of

Ken NAKAOKA, et al.

Application No.: 10/705,886

Filed: November 13, 2003

Customer Number: 20277
 Confirmation Number: 6094
 Group Art Unit: 2616
 Examiner: Tri H. Phan

For: PROGRAM PLACEMENT METHOD, PACKET TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, AND TERMINAL

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 13, 2003. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 18, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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